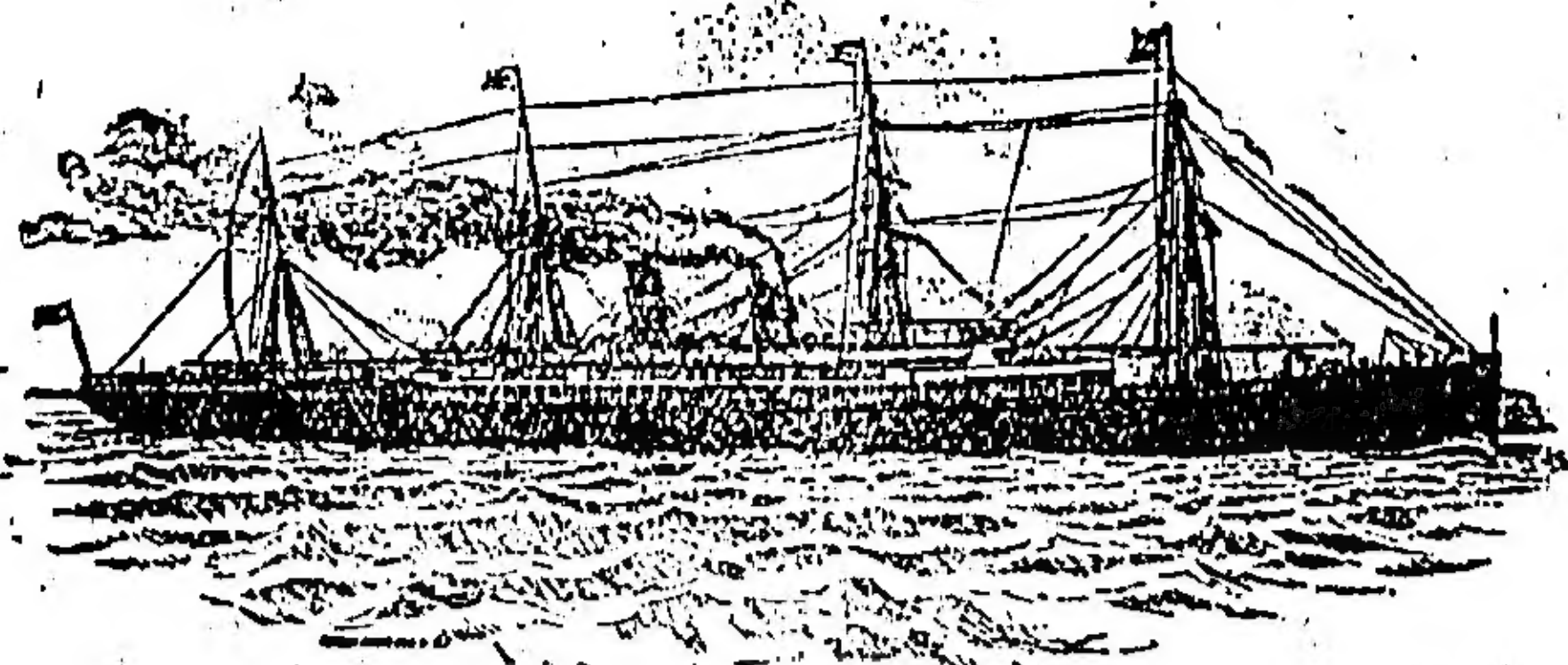


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"OHINA"	5,060 "	TUESDAY, 19th January, at Noon.
"DORIC"	4,784 "	FRIDAY, 29th January, at Noon.
"NIPPON MARU"	6,307 "	SATURDAY, 6th February, at Noon.
"SIBERIA"	11,284 "	SATURDAY, 13th February, at Noon.
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"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th January
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 10th February
"TARTAR"	4,425 "	WEDNESDAY, 24th February
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 9th March
"EMPRESS OF CHINA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 30th March
"EMPRESS OF INDIA"	6,000 "	WEDNESDAY, 20th April
"ATHENIAN"	3,882 "	WEDNESDAY, 27th April
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Hongkong, 1st September, 1903.

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STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
NURNBERG	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	30th Dec.
Jaburg	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	Freight.
SAVOIA	ROTTERDAM AND HAMBURG.	10th January, 1904.
Deinat	(Calling at SINGAPORE.)	Freight and Passengers.
AMBRIA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	15th January, 1904.
Duckstein	(Calling at SINGAPORE and COLOMBO.)	Freight.
WURZBURG	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG.	28th January, 1904.
v. Hinner	(Calling at SINGAPORE and PENANG.)	Freight and Passengers.
ALISA	HAVRE AND HAMBURG.	6th February, 1904.
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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1903.

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IT is hereby notified that FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW and SATURDAY, the 25th and 26th instant respectively.

By Order,

A. R. LOWE, Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. 1543c

GRAND CHARITABLE BAZAAR IN AID OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

under the charge of the CANOSSIAN SISTERS OF CHARITY, at MACAO, on the 26th and 27th DECEMBER, 1903, to be held at the PUBLIC GARDENS, SAN FRANCISCO, (PRAIA GRANDE).
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Macao, 24th December, 1903. 1541c

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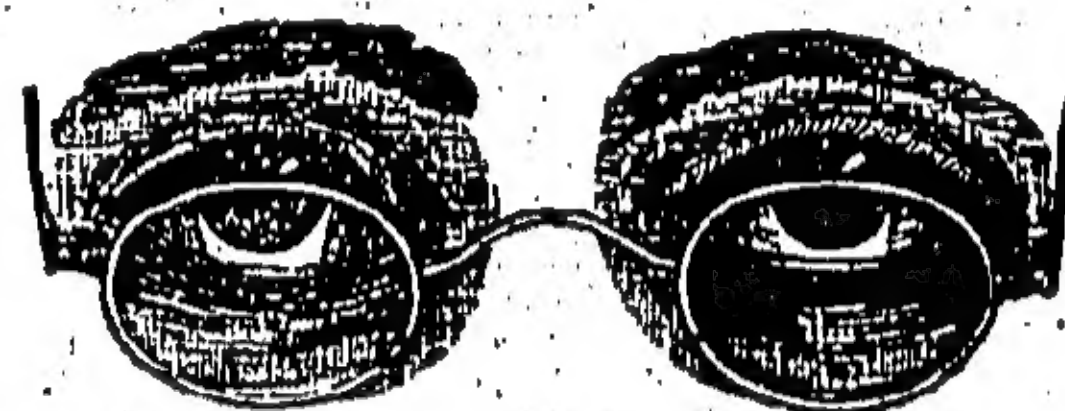
Telephone: Works, No. 508; General, No. 376.

Telegram, "Dock, Yokohama," Codes A. I. and A. B. C. (4th).

Yokohama, May 11th, 1903.

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IN accordance with the Provisions of Ordinance No. 1 of 1875, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW and SATURDAY, the 25th and 26th instant, respectively.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. 1534c

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that GUN PRACTICE will take place from Stonecutters Island (West and East Batteries) in a South-Westerly direction at ranges from 600 to 4,000 yards, on the 1st January, 1904. If the weather is unfavourable on this date, practice will take place on the 2nd of January. Practice will commence at 9 A.M. and end about 11 A.M., if the Range is clear.
By Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. 1529c

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Hongkong, 15th December, 1903. 1538c

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THROUGH CENTRAL AUSTRALIA.

LARGE AREAS OF PASTORAL LANDS.

The State Government expedition which left Adelaide at the end of last March to explore for gold and other minerals in the country between Oodnadatta and the extreme north-west corner of the State, in the vicinity of the Musgrave, Mann, and Tomkinson ranges has returned.

The leader, Mr. A. Wells, in the course of a lengthy statement as to the results of the expedition, said: "Although we made a careful examination of the country at Mount Davis, we found no traces of gold. Indeed, the locality was very disappointing for mineral deposits. After examining the Tomkinson ranges, which were inspected by two parties, Mr. F. R. George leading one, and myself the other, we examined in a similar manner the Mann ranges, which extend almost to the extreme north-west corner of this State. Also the country north of the 26th parallel in the Northern Territory, lying between the Mann and Petermann ranges, where a good deal of country is covered by tertiary deposits, chiefly sand. Here we found several exposed patches of country, the rock being of a granitic nature, with large quartz reefs, but of poor quality.

"We carried this examination to the eastern end of Petermann ranges, and at Stevenson's Peak, where quartzite of great thickness caps the granite formation. Here we noted numerous white quartz reefs, but these were not encouraging. However, at two spots, nine and 16 miles respectively to the south-east of Stevenson's Peak, are two small areas of a promising nature. From this point north to Lake Amadeus and north-west, between Lake and Petermann ranges, I regard as being well worthy of the attention of prospectors.

"After examining the Musgrave ranges, and making a geological inspection of Mount Olga, Ayer's Rock, and Mount Connor, we inspected the Avers' range in the Northern Territory. Also the country between the Musgrave ranges and Indulkana and Everard ranges. At these latter localities, beyond large quantities of granitic rock and numerous diorite dykes, we found nothing promising for metal, except a small patch near Indulkana, at which we found nothing of value. So far as the Musgrave, Mann, Tomkinson, and Avers ranges are concerned, I am afraid there is little probability of metalliferous discoveries being made; whilst the Petermann ranges and around Lake Amadeus I regard as likely country and well worthy of a thorough examination."

Mr. Wells says he had no trouble with the natives, and, indeed, in all his numerous exploring expeditions he has never had to resort to firearms. He added: "We were fortunate in striking a splendid season, the country being covered with grasses and herbage in and around the ranges, where there is some splendid pastoral country. All the lower hills and ridges and valleys are thickly covered with kangaroo and other grasses, geranium vetch, everlasting, and other herbage. The timber generally is mulga, in the desert or spinifex country, which is also suitable for stock. There are forests of desert oaks, parklike in appearance. The trunks are perfectly straight from 15 ft. to 30 ft. high and up to 2 ft. in diameter. The best forests seen by me were north of the Mann ranges.

"We located several new waters, two of which are very important. These are in the Tomkinson ranges. At one of these there was a strong stream of fresh water, where large quantities of water were running away per diem. There had apparently been no rain here for two or three months. There would be no difficulty in obtaining a permanent supply of fresh water throughout all these ranges by well-sinking around the enormous granite outcrops. Careful geological notes and samples have been taken by Mr. H. R. George and Mr. H. Basedow, who also have made a study of geology and have taken notes and photographs throughout the trip. Some of the latter, I think, will be very interesting.

"Although no discoveries of metals were made, the expedition, I hope, may assist others in prospecting where there is a likelihood of success, and preventing further waste of public money in sending parties to where there is little promise of reward. We travelled over 3,000 miles, and brought back all the camels (20) alive. They were left at Mount Searle depot in good condition."

Among the curiosities brought back by the expedition are samples of pure honey collected by ants, and of strong lustrous silk produced in large quantities by spiders—Ex.

Masonic.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE, will be held at the FREE-MASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 28th instant, at 5.30 for 6 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend. Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1535]

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CANE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK. Gentlemen's Shirts made to order, and Collars and Cuffs renewed on old ones. Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Children's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required. The Superiress will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools, who are taught by the Sisters. Hongkong, 22nd April, 1904.

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"COROMANDEL," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

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Options of Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 5 P.M., TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the 25th instant, at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees' and the Company's representative at an appointed hour.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1903.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE,"

Captain C. H. Burch, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th instant, at 2.30 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [15266]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"NAMSANG,"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 25th instant, at 12 o'clock Noon, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1903. [1540]

Entimations.

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(Reuters.)

War Risks.

LONDON, 22nd December.

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The War Cloud.

The *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent at Nagasaki wires that the Government has given notice that they will require all the dry docks in the country for the fleet. The war-ships have begun docking and cleaning in turn.

LATER.

There is a more hopeful feeling regarding the Far East prevalent in the best informed circles in Japan. London has not received any information indicating that war is imminent, although it is undeniable that the situation continues grave and is affecting trade to some extent. Nothing is known about the reports that the Japanese in England have been warned to be in readiness to return home.

MORE RUSSIAN WARSHIPS

FOR THE FAR EAST.

The St Petersburg *Vedomosti* states that it is intended to send to the Far East next year the Russian transport *Kovchik* of 7,200 tons, which has been built at the new Admiralty yards, and is now lying in the Neva. She is designed to supply coal to warships afloat, and has accommodation for 3,500 tons; also for 32 officers, 1,000 men, and 16 horses. The Russian gunboat *Khivinsk*, which is being built at the stone dock of the new Admiralty yards, is intended to protect Russian interests in the Persian Gulf.

The *Kronstadt Vistnik* states that the Russian cruiser *Dmitri Donskoi* arrived at Cadix on November 9, and the *L.A.'s Rini* and *Brodi* at Algiers on November 10, all outward bound for the Far East. The *Vedomosti* states that the new Russian battleship *Ostia*, on her way from Kronstadt to the Far East has been compelled to go into dry dock at Spezia, owing to damage received in the Atlantic some time at night. The precise occasion of the damage was unobserved by the crew, and it was not until water was found to be increasing in the hold and investigations were made as to the cause of this that the damage was discovered. The ship will not be able to proceed on her journey until the beginning of next year.

GOLD PROSPECTING IN CEYLON.

RESULT OF AN EXPERT'S INVESTIGATIONS.

Rumours of hidden wealth, in the shape of gold, have been current in Ceylon from the earliest times, and the precious metal has been sought for by Europeans and Australians for half a century or more. Sir West Ridgeway, the late energetic Governor of the island, engaged the services of a gold expert from Home with a view to obtaining some definite knowledge as to whether gold existed, and if so, in what quantities. Mr. George Dixon, the expert appointed, arrived at Colombo at the end of May, 1902, and his report has just been issued. Mr. Dixon set to work with a will, and travelled over 3,000 miles, 1,078 of which he covered on foot. His general survey of the country, an area of about 24,000 square miles, is a fairly complete one, and has proved that there are in Ceylon practically no gravel terraces, and that the shallow gold deposits which are worked by the digger in other countries are not extensive or likely to be remunerative enough to attract investors. Wherever gravel was found it was tested, and in the hundreds of tests made the above-mentioned results were always obtained, though Mr. Dixon believes that by the dredging system, if suitable places were found, and the gold saving appliances were modified to suit the conditions necessary for saving both gems and gold, the undertaking, if properly managed, would pay.

TRACES OF ANCIENT GOLD WORKINGS.

One interesting point in Mr. Dixon's report, says the *Madras Mail*, is that there are no old gold workings in Ceylon. The natives in former times, cunning miners that they were, though they knew of the existence of gold, did not work the gravels for it, which, he believes, bears out the theory of gold prospectors in this country, that where old gold workings exist gold will be found, but not elsewhere. Mr. Dixon also corroborates what the Australians and other Europeans who have worked the gravels in more recent times found, viz., that they could not make the work pay. He found in one place a few fair-sized flakes of gold, but the average value of the gravel was only 4½ pence per cubic yard. In no case was a single rich find of gold made, and that, in a digger's country, he says, is the first thing necessary to start mining on an extended scale. It must not be forgotten, however, that these remarks refer to surface work only, and that no inquiry has been made as to what minerals occur at depth. The presence of alluvial gold, even in minute quantities, implies, as Sir West Ridgeway says in his review of his Administration, that there must be, or must have been, rocks from out of which this gold has been washed. Mr. Dixon does not think that the gold which has been found in the gravel had its origin in the gneiss, but in either a capping rock which has long since been worn away, or possibly in a fold of hornblende schist such as occurs in the Kolar Gold Field. If the theory is correct, the gold produced from that capping rock will be found not in the hills but deeply

buried. Mr. Dixon therefore suggests that these deep deposits should at some future time be systematically tested by drilling with carefully selected apparatus.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

While actual hostilities in the Far East may be postponed for a considerable period, opinion in London, as throughout America, is that a conflict is inevitable. As delay enables the Russians to add ships and men to their already great force in the danger zone it is thought they will avoid an act of war for the present, but there are signs that they may pursue a course so offensive as to force Japan's hand and make her the actual aggressor. *Harper's Weekly* in an interesting review of the causes leading to the present tension says, in part: "The strife between Japan and Russia in the Far East springs from economic causes, and is therefore inevitable. In the view of both parties, the actual outbreak of hostilities has been, from the first, only a question of time and preparation. The moving force in Japan's case is self-evident; an immense population full of energy and enterprise, shut within a narrow territory. With an area of less than a hundred and fifty thousand square miles, Japan has a population of over forty-five millions, a large part of which is crowded together with a density of from four to five hundred to the square mile. Japan compares accurately with Germany, in both size and numbers, if Bavaria be left out. As in Germany, the question of a future outlet dominates all others. Korea, separated from Japan by a narrow strait with a population of perhaps eight millions, spread over eighty thousand square miles, and with great untouched resources, is for Japan a Promised Land, the goal of centuries of ambition. Manchuria, with the immense area of three hundred and sixty thousand square miles, sparsely peopled by some eight millions, is a prospective paradise. The Japanese have, therefore, dreamed of a great empire, of nearly half a million square miles, which, with their energy and resources, would make them one of the greatest of nations.

After analyzing the naval strength of both nations, *Harper's* assumes that Japan would control the sea at first, but emphasises her vulnerability as compared with Russia. Defeat would mean annihilation for Japan unless there was interference in her behalf. Japan has the advantage in certain respects. Thus she can land her troops either on the north, the south, or the west of Korea, concentrating all her efforts on whichever point she selects. The Russian fleet cannot so concentrate, as it must to some extent guard both the eastern and western Korean coasts, and is thus of necessity divided. Therefore the preliminary advantage of position is with Japan. Yet against this we must make two heavy offsets in Russia's favour first, that Japan, having once got her troops landed in Korea, will have to operate far from her home base, and continually haunted by the problem of keeping open her line of communication and supplies, perpetually menaced by the Russian fleet. Secondly, Japan is immensely more vulnerable than Russia, in case of adverse fate. Russia, the real Russia, lies thousands of miles away, with Asian deserts and Siberian wastes between; unthinkable remote from all danger of invasion. But not so Japan. All her 45 million children, her cities, and resources are open on all sides to attack by the Russian fleet, and invasion for Japan would mean the end of the game. While Japan has certain advantages at the start, she practically risks her whole national life. Russia, though somewhat handicapped by circumstance, has practically nothing to lose; nothing that she could not reasonably hope to regain by dint of hard and resolute fighting. The writer says the latest news from the Far East "confirms the belief that the interests of Japan and Russia are essentially irreconcilable by negotiation, and that a reference of them to the arbitration of war cannot be long averted."

CHINESE AGRICULTURALISTS.

IN PERAK.

Of the Chinese recruited by Dr. Leuring at Foochow for the Government agricultural Colony at Sitiawan in Perak, several hundreds have arrived that Mr. J. P. Rodger, the late Resident of Perak, writes thus on the subject to the Resident-General under date 31st October:—

Thanks to the exertions of the Protector of Chinese (Mr. Cowan) and the District Officer, Lower Perak (Mr. Brewster), every arrangement had been made for the reception and comfortable installation of these immigrants in buildings already prepared on the land assigned to them at Sitiawan. Notwithstanding their unfortunate detention in Singapore (St. John's Island) I am glad to say that the 363 immigrants landed at Sitiawan are all doing well, and there is a fair prospect of their agricultural settlement proving successful. I consider that Dr. Leuring is deserving of high commendation for the manner in which he has carried out the duties entrusted to him, on behalf of the Perak Government, and I have caused him to be so informed.

Under date 26th October Dr. Leuring thus reports on the Colony:—

Since the 9th August I have visited the Colony thrice, and though we are not yet quite settled, the parceling out of the land not yet having been completed, I am glad to state that a large terrain has already been cleared by the colonists and has been planted with rubber, vegetables, especially potatoes, the season being too late for paddy. I have no doubt that, with the further consideration and benevolence of the Government towards the scheme, the whole district in which the Colony is situated will soon assume a new and more promising aspect.

HONGKONG EXCHANGE.

EX ITEM IN CHINATOWN.

According to a Vancouver paper, dated 21st ult., in every place in Chinatown where the wealthy Orientals of Vancouver mostly congregate there was violent excitement that morning. By some subtle way there spread through every section a report that the Hongkong rate of exchange had taken an unparalleled jump. No one knows how news spreads throughout the aristocratic parlours founded by False Creek, Columbia Avenue, Carrall Street and Market Alley, but Marconi is not in the matter of quick transmission, observes the journal. The story that bothered the Chinese financiers was that Hongkong exchange had jumped nearly 50 per cent. When the sun went down Friday evening it stood at about 43; to-day it was removed that it had taken a leap to nearly 80. This meant a very serious state of affairs to many leading men in Chinatown, and they were on hand when the banks opened this morning, looking for information. The bank officials straightway informed them that it was a canard, originated in San Francisco. Hongkong exchange is steady and closed to-day as it did yesterday, a fraction under 44. Chinamen, when the first whisper of the rumour was heard, said that the advance was caused by the declaration of war between Russia and Japan, but their San Francisco advisers were evidently away off. Naniimo apparently had a similar experience, judging from the following despatch: Naniimo, B. C., Nov. 21.—(Special)—There was wild excitement in Chinatown to-day over a sudden jump in the Hongkong rate of exchange from 43 3/4 to 79. The sudden rise has created a panic among the leading merchants of Chinatown. Local banks can offer no explanation.

THE MONEY MARKET PROSPECT, JAPAN.

A Tokyo banker writing to the *Yomiuri* in reference to the future of the economical situation, expresses the opinion that economic circles of the country, through long political disturbances, have failed to note the sluggishness of the money market. But as the political situation gets easier, business men are awakening to the fact that a large amount of money is lying idle in the banks, and it is generally anticipated that the circulation will become more sluggish than ever. The Government, says the banker, declares that preparations are so made that the country is prepared either for war or peace. If the preparations be really made by the Government for promoting works in Manchuria, and Korea upon the peaceful settlement of the Manchuria question, as they certainly are for war, the money ready to be used for war will be required for enterprise in China and Korea. Though the greater part of the money so required will probably be raised by the issue of bonds abroad, the money market in Japan may be in some degree affected. The present sluggishness is due to the diplomatic difficulty, and if everything is settled in peace, the economic circles of this country, which have long been oppressed by the situation, will recover, and the demand for money will be followed by such a stringency of circulation that the large margin of 40,000,000, left within the legal limit of the amount of Bank of Japan notes to be issued free of tax, may never again be recorded.

SIR FRANK SWETTENHAM'S SUCCESSOR.

The retirement of Sir Frank Swettenham is from the Governorship of the Straits Settlements, and not necessarily from the Colonial Service. It seems likely that Sir Frank's medical advisers have decided against a further period of service out here. He was not in the best of health when he went home. The terms of the announcement, "retiring from the Governorship," do not preclude the possibility of our late Governor assuming other duties in connection with the Colonial Office. If his health holds out, it is exceedingly probable that his valuable services will be availed of in some capacity, although whether or not in the capacity hinted at by the writer in the *Glasgow Herald* remains to be seen. The question that naturally arises is, who is likely to succeed to the Governorship of this Colony. Gossip seems to have selected Sir C. A. Moloney, Governor of Trinidad and Tobago, who has had a varied career of colonial service in West Africa, British Honduras, and the Windward Islands. Sir H. E. McCallum, Governor of Natal, is also credited with having expressed a desire to return to the Straits, and there is no reason why he should not come back here, if such be his wish. There are also five or six other Colonial Governors who might accept the Governorship of the Straits, carrying as it does the High Commissioner of the Federated Malay States. If a man new to the Colony be appointed, he will not have a very easy task, for several of the older officials of the Colony have or are about to retire, while the transference to other Colonies of the best of our younger men has left a considerable gap. Mr. C. W. S. Kynnersley, the doyen of the Service, takes up the Resident Generalship of the F. M. S. next April, but only for a short period, as he proposes to retire at the end of next year. Although a service composed mainly of seniors often produces stagnation, yet, on the other hand, links between the old and the new are very desirable, to secure continuity of policy. There are two furrows that we should have liked to have seen ploughed to the end by Sir Frank Swettenham, Singapore Harbour Improvement and the railway connection with the north; and our currency reform. It may be that a new-comer would think differently on these schemes and throw them back, and that we believe would be a genuine calamity for the Colony.—S. F. P.

THE ARTHUR HILL.

WORLD'S ENTERTAINERS.

The opening performance of the short season to be given in Hongkong by the Arthur Hill Company of Vaudeville Stars attracted many people to the Theatre Royal last evening, where a very enjoyable entertainment was witnessed. The company is by no means a large one, but what there is of it is of the best, and there is no doubt it is one of the strongest combinations of its kind that has been seen in Hongkong for some time. Leonard Nelson, who styles himself a plain comedian "poor, proud and particular," is one of the principal artists in the company, and is a world of solid amusement, contributing largely to the success of the entertainment, which was full of novelty and mirth. Another attractive feature of the programme was Miss Leslie Norman, whose fine contralto voice was greatly appreciated. She was several times recalled, and had to respond to most enthusiastic encores. Then there was a clever turn given by Lantern the Mystic, whose novelties were performed with perfect skill and finesse. Mr. Victor Kelly kept the audience in a continual ripple of laughter with his quaint, dry humour and amusing specialty, "On Parade." There were other items, which also created unbounded admiration, and, altogether, the entertainment was excellent throughout, and those who fail to see it during the next few nights will miss a treat which seldom comes this way.

SOME NOTABLE YULETIDES.

One of the most famous Yuletides in British history was that of 1066, William the Conqueror being crowned at Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day. Another, that of 1170, saw the murder (December 29) of Thomas a Becket, before the altar of Canterbury Cathedral. In 1215, London was under the interdict of Pope Innocent, who had also excommunicated the Barons who refused to submit to King John.

In 1348, the Black Death was raging. In 1384, the persecution of Wycliffe was rapidly bringing on that paralytic stroke by which he died on December 31.

The Lollards had every reason to fear Christmas. In 1401, the law for the burning of heretics was being drafted, and in the following February William Sauter, the first of our Protestant martyrs, was burnt at the stake; while in 1414, Sir John Oldcastle was meditating his ill-fated scheme for seizing the King's Person, which ended early in January by the execution of all his associates.

For the Stuarts Christmas sometimes breathed tragedy. Mary, Queen of Scots, was born on December 8. Eight days later she was hurried off to France, immediately after the death of her father, James V., on the 13th. During December, 1644, Montrose opened his fruitless campaign in Scotland; on December 23, 1648, Charles I. made his last mournful journey under escort to Windsor; and in 1650, on Christmas Eve, Edinburgh surrendered to Cromwell. On December 22, 1688, James II. escaped to France, leaving Judge Jeffreys to flee for safety to the Tower; and on December 28, 1694, Mary Stuart, wife of William, died comparatively young. On December 22, 1715, the Old Pretender landed at Peterhead, and, curiously, in 1745, it was during December that the campaign opened in Cumberland.

In 1644 the English Parliament abolished the Prayer Book, and appointed a Directory of Public Worship, making Christmas a fast instead of a feast. On December 21, 1620, the Pilgrim Fathers founded New Plymouth. In 1684 was the great frost, when the Thames was covered with ice 11 in thick, and a fair was held and bullocks roasted upon it. On Christmas May, 1759, the 32-gun vessel *Solebay* was lost near Boston Neck, the crew perishing. The Old Pretender, the "Chevalier de St. George," died December 30, 1765. On Christmas Eve, 1811, three British warships—the *St. George*, 98 guns, *Defence*, 74 guns, and *Hermes*—stranded on the coast of Jutland, Admiral Reynolds and the whole of the officers and crews, over 2,000, being lost, except 18 seamen. In 1839 the Lyme Regis landslide commenced on December 24, and concluded on December 27, houses, fields, etc., being covered to the sea beach. The same Christmas Frost, Williams, and Jones, the Chartist, were awaiting trial for high treason, and soon after sentenced to death. The sentences were commuted to transportation for life, and the prisoners went to Australia. The Christmas of 1841 saw the murder at Cabul by Abbas Khan of Sir William Macnaghten and Captain Trevor, followed by the disastrous retreat of the British forces, consisting of about 4,500 fighting men and 12,000 followers. Of these only Mr. Brydone reached Jellalabad, the others being captured and slaughtered by the Afghans in the mountain defiles. It was just before Christmas (December 22, 1845, when the great Anti-Corn Law League meeting was held at Manchester, at which £64,984 was subscribed.

The *Dublin Evening Post*, at Christmas, 1846, wrote: "It is as if we were on the brink of a wild convulsion. People seem absolutely beside themselves. They are either reduced to utter helplessness, or seem ready to band themselves in a mad warfare with the authorities, who we know are labouring night and day to avert, or to mitigate, the manifold evils of the country." At Drogheda Fair, two cartloads of firearms were disposed of amid great excitement, and at Carlow a sale of arms and ammunition was protracted over several days. At Caher the people turned out, partially armed, to prevent the departure of corn to Limerick.

A disastrous Caffre war broke out at Christmas, 1850, and in the first engagement the British under Colonel Somerset, were defeated, after four hours' hard fighting and left a gap in the hands of the enemy. The war lasted until March, 1851. On Boxing Day, 1851, we conquered Lagos, and at the same time Palmerston retired from the office of Foreign Minister, smarting under the Queen's letter of censure. The Christmas Day of '78, will long be remembered at Aldenham. A dispute arose

between the men of the 24th Regiment (the South Wales Borderers) and a company of the Tower Hamlets (City of London) Militia. The discussion got so hot that the men of the 24th crossed over to the quarters of the militia, and fired upon them, one being killed, and four wounded. The dispute was as to which had got "the best Christmas dinner!"

Christmas Eve, 1860, was the oldest night and Christmas Day the coldest day recorded in Great Britain for fifty years. In Staffordshire the thermometer registered, 15deg. below zero, or 47deg. of frost; and one at Pennycook, near Edinburgh, 14deg. below zero (46deg. of frost). The next year the Empire was in mourning, Prince Albert having died on December 14, and been buried on December 23. The first Fenian Convention was held at Chicago on Christmas Day, 1863.

At Christmas, 1871, the British Empire was greatly excited over the illness of the Prince of Wales (King Edward), and the bulletins were anxiously awaited. In a letter written on Christmas Day, at Windsor Castle, Queen Victoria acknowledged the sympathy manifested by all classes: "The universal feeling," wrote Her Majesty, "shown by her people during those painful, terrible days, and the sympathy evinced by them with herself and her beloved daughter, the Princess of Wales, as well as the general joy at the improvement in the Prince of Wales' state, have made a deep and lasting impression on her heart, which can never be effaced."

Railways dread the holiday season. Owing to the heavy excursion traffic on Boxing Day, 1870, eight persons were killed on the Great Northern Railway at Bell Busk, near Hatfield, owing to the breaking of an axle. On Christmas Eve, 1874, a train ran over the embankment at Shipton, near Oxford, 34 persons being killed and 74 injured. On December 28, 1878, occurred the terrible Tay Bridge disaster, when during a gale the bridge broke, and the North British mail train dropped into water, got beneath, all in it perishing. The exact number of the victims is not known, but it is believed to have been nearly 100. On December 24, 1881, 12 passengers by the Great Northern express were killed at Slough. On December 25, 1894, the London and North-Western express came into collision at Chelford, near Crewe, during a gale, with a goods train which had been blown on to the line, and 14 deaths resulted. On Christmas 1901 occurred the shocking disaster at Liverpool, when a train of the electric railway took fire in a tunnel, seven lives being lost and many persons injured.

COMMERCIAL.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.	
ON LONDON, Telegraphic Transfer	1/8 1/2
" Bank Bills, on demand	1/8 9/16
" Credits, 4 months' sight	1/8 1/16
" D'ments 4 months' sight	1/9 1/16
ON BERLIN, (demand)	M. 1/75
ON PARIS, Bank Bills, on demand	2.15 1/2
" Credits, 4 months' sight	2.15 1/2
ON NEW YORK, Bank Bills, on demand	41 1/2
" Credits, 30 days' sight	42 1/2
ON BOMBAY, Telegraphic Transfer	127 1/2
" On demand	127 1/2
ON SHANGHAI, Telegraphic Transfer	71 1/4
" Private 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA, T.T.	83 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	\$11.65
Gold Leaf too touch, per tael	60.50
" Silver	154

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.	
To-day's quotations are as follows:—	
MALWA NEW	@ 920/950
" LAST YEAR	@ 970/1,040
" OLDEST	@ 1,060/1,100
PATNA NEW	@ 1,205
BENARES NEW	@ 1,205
PERSIAN (PAPER)	@ 810/850

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are reminded that Nominations for the Hongkong Derby (to be run on TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1904), close to the undersigned at the Hongkong Club House on SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER, instant.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [1549]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship

"HAITAN,"
Captain Roach, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SUNDAY, the 27th instant, at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage apply to
DOUGLAS, LAFFRAIK & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [1546]

FOR CHEMULPO, DALNY AND PORT ARTHUR.
(Calling at SHANGHAI).
THE Steamship

"SULLBERG,"
Captain Meyer, will be despatched for the above Ports, on FRIDAY, the 1st January, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA-LINIE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [1547]

FOR YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND TSINGTAU.
THE F.A.L. Steamship

"BADENIA,"
Captain Rorden, will be despatched for the above Ports, on SATURDAY, the 2nd January, at Noon.
For Freight, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA-LINIE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [1548]

To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

DINNER.
SATURDAY, 26th December, 1903.

MENU.
HORS D'OEUVRES.
Tartlets à la Russe.
SOUP.
Cook-a-Leekie.
FISH.
Smoked Garoupa and Butter Sauce.
ENTREES.
Chicken Cutlets and Spinach.
Beef Olives.
Mongolian Patties.
CURRY.
Ox Tail.
JOINTS.
Roast Ribs of Beef.
Roast Wild Goose and Sauer Kraut.
Boiled Corned Round of Beef and Carrots.
COLD.
Game Pie and Potato Salad.
SWEETS.
Sago Pudding.
Raspberry Ice Cream and Genoa Cake.
Apricot Tart. Topsy Cake.

DESSERT, COFFEE. [1545]

NOTICE.

THE DISTRICT LODGE OF HONGKONG AND SOUTH CHINA will hold its TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING at the MASONIC HALL, on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 9 P.M.
All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend.

A. O. D. GOURDIN,
D. G. Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [1546]

Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.

TO-NIGHT (THURSDAY),
DECEMBER 24TH.

HILL'S WORLD'S ENTERTAINERS.

Will play a short season, presenting for the first time in Hongkong a thoroughly High-class performance, introducing Star Acts from the principal cities in the world. THE BEST COMPANY AND THE STRONGEST COMBINATION OF TALENT EVER SEEN IN THE EAST is the unanimous opinion of the Press. The following are among the members of the company:

HILL AND SYLVIANI,
IN POSITIVELY THE GREATEST CYCLE AND UNICYCLE ACT IN THE WORLD.
A Continental Star Performance from the EMPIRE, LONDON, the FOLIES BERGERS, PARIS, WINTERGARTEN, BERLIN, and KEITH'S and ORPHEUM CIRCUITS, AMERICA.

KELLY and AGNAS,
Comedy Sketch Artists, introducing Eccentric Dances, Acrobatic Comicalities and Mirth-provoking Finales.

MISS LESLIE NORMAN,
New Zealand's Greatest Operatic Mezzo-Soprano.

LAZERN THE MYSTIC,
From the Crystal Palace, London, presenting a novel and up-to-date exhibition of leg-drama.

LEONARD NELSON,
Just a Plain Comedian.
FUN IN SHADOWLAND,
A New and Novel Act by the Entire Strength of the Company.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY MATINEE,
SATURDAY, 26th DECEMBER.
FREQUENT CHANGES OF ALL ACTS.

Plan of reserved seats now open at Robinson's.
Prices,\$3, \$2 and \$1
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [1542]

Intimation.



THE POPULAR
SCOTCH
IS
"BLACK & WHITE"



JAMES BUCHANAN & CO.
SCOTCH WHISKY DISTILLERS
By Appointment to
H.M. THE KING
and
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES

Supplied at all the LEADING CLUBS and HOTELS, and to be obtained from LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., Optical and General.

Shipping—Steamers.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAV. CO., LD.
JOINT SERVICES.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA
AND SUMATRA PORTS.
FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PVRHUS"	On 27th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 27th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NESTOR"	On 1st January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 8th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 14th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PINGSUEV"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MOVUNE"	On 28th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 3rd February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"DARDANUS"	On 5th January.
MARSEILLES, L'DON & A'WERP.	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"NESTOR"	On 2nd February.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"KEEMUN"	On 15th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"KINTUCK"	On 16th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"MOVUNE"	On 1st March.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS.	"TYDEUS"	On 29th December.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	"PINGSUEV"	On 24th January.

For Freight, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1903.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"WUHOW"	26th December.
MANILA	"CHINGTU"	30th "
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNS- VILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"CHINGTU"	30th "
MANILA	"KAIFONG"	30th "
KOBE	"TAIYUAN"	1st January.

* The Attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these
steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled table. A daily
qualified Surgeon is carried.

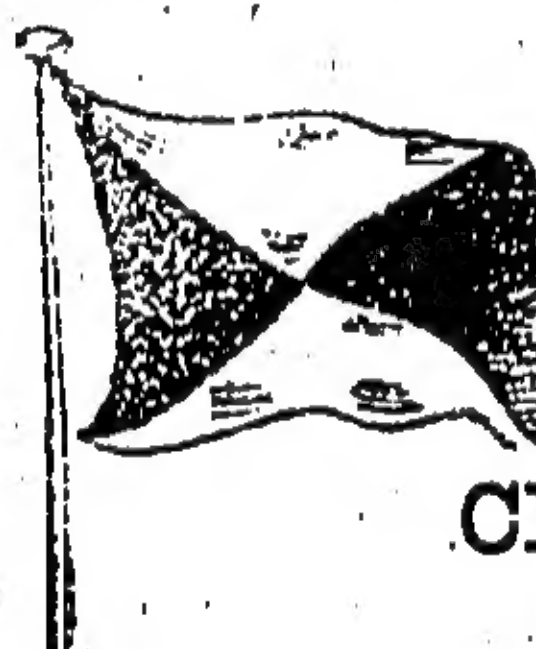
† Taking Cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.
‡ Taking Cargo and Passengers at through Rates for all New Zealand and other Australian
Ports.

N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND
AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1903.



Hongkong-Manila.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers
between Hongkong and Manila.—Saloon amidships—Electric
Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewardess carried.
—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of
Passengers.

CHINA AND MANILA
STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

Steamship.	Tons.	Captain.	For	Sailing Dates.
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	MANILA (DIRECT)	SATURDAY, 26th Dec., at 10 A.M.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	MANILA (DIRECT)	SATURDAY, 2nd Jan., at 10 A.M.
PERLA	1980	A. H. Nottley		

For Freight or Passage, apply to

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
GENERAL MANAGERS.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1903.

Shipping—Steamers.

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.
HONGKONG-MANILA,
REDUCED SALOON PAS-
SAGE MONEY.

SINGLE, \$20. RETURN, \$35.

STEAMERS fitted throughout with Electric
Light, First Class Accommodation. Un-
rivalled Table. Duly qualified Surgeon carried.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1903. [804e]

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "WING CHAI,"
Captain SAMUEL BELL SMITH,
DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on Week
Days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion Sundays,
at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao, Week Days at about
2 P.M. (Week Days) 1st Class (including
cabin and servant), \$3; Return Ticket, \$5.
2nd Class, \$1; 3rd Class, 50 cents.
On Excursion Sundays, 1st, 2nd, 3rd Class
Single Ticket, \$2; Return Ticket, \$3. Return
Ticket including Tiffin and Dinner either on
Board or at Macao Hotel, \$5. On Sundays,
\$5 extra will be charged for each cabin with
accommodations for two or more passengers.
WHARF—At the Western end of Wing Lok
Street.
The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip EVERY
SUNDAY. It takes only 3½ hours to reach
Macao.

MING ON & CO.,
2nd Floor, No. 16, Victoria Street.
Hongkong, 7th September, 1903. [1073e]

STEAM TO CANTON.

THE Splendid New Steel Twin Screw
Steamer

"KWONG CHOW"
1,474 Tons, Captain Walker, leaves HONG-
KONG for CANTON at 8.30 P.M. on SUNDAYS,
TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS, returning
to Hongkong the following days leaving
CANTON at 5 P.M. Unexcelled Accommoda-
tion for First Class Passengers. Ship lighted
throughout by Electricity.
Passage Fare, \$4 Single Journey.
Meals \$1 each.
The Company's Wharf is West of the Hong-
kong Harbour Master's Office.

SHIU ON S.S. CO., LTD.,
No. 8, Queen's Road West.
Hongkong, 30th May, 1903. [1322e]

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.
NORDDEUTSCHER HAMBURG-AMERIKA
LLOYD.
STEAM FOR
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, HIOGO
AND YOKOHAMA.
THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

"BAYERN,"
of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
Captain H. Förmes, due here with the outward
German Mail about WEDNESDAY P.M., will
leave for the above places about 12/24 hours
after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [1563e]

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR AMOY, SWATOW, STRAITS
AND RANGOON.
THE Company's Steamship

"AVOCA,"
Captain W. A. Fausset, will be despatched as
above on MONDAY, the 28th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [1572e]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.
THE Company's Steamship

"NAMSANG,"
Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 30th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1903. [1539e]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSEGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.
THE Company's Steamship

"POLYNESIEN,"
Captain Le Coq, will be despatched for the
above Ports on or about WEDNESDAY,
the 30th instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1903. [1074e]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.
FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP.
THE Steamship

"GLENFARG,"
Captain Holman, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 9th January, 1904.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Agents.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1903. [1517e]

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE
TO NEW YORK.
VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL
(With Liberty to call at PHILIPPINE PORTS.)

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
1903.
"SIKH" 12th Jan.
"SAGAMI" 26th Jan.
"AFRIDI" 9th Feb.
For Freight and further information, apply
to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
Agents.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [1394e]

Shipping—Steamers.

NOTICE.
THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

SUNDAY EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE Steamer

"HONAM"
(weather permitting and sufficient inducement
offering) will make a SPECIAL EXCURSION
TRIP TO MACAO next SUNDAY, the 27th
instant, leaving Hongkong at 9 A.M. and Macao
at 9 P.M.
Return Fare, \$5.00. Cabins, \$5.00 Extra.
TICKETS obtainable on Board the Steamer.
By Order of the Directors.
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1903. [1542e]

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE Commodious Steamer

"TAI ON"
will run a SPECIAL TRIP TO MACAO, on
SUNDAY, the 27th instant, leaving her usual
Wharf West at 9 A.M. and return from Macao
at 8.15 P.M. sharp.

TICKETS, RETURN FARE, \$2.00.

A Charitable Bazaar in aid of the Cantonian
Sisters of Charity will be held at the Public
Gardens, San Francisco, (Praia Grande).
Meals can be had on Board.

RITCHIE & CO.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [1530e]

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS
TO MACAO.

THE Favourite Passenger Steamer

"WING CHAI"
will run SPECIAL TRIPS TO MACAO on
the 26th, 27th and 28th December, leaving her
Wharf in Hongkong at 9.30 A.M. Each Day
and Macao at 7.30 P.M., arriving Hongkong
about 11 P.M.

FARE.—Return Ticket available for Three
Days \$3.
The Steamer will also run on CHRISTMAS
DAY, leaving Hongkong at 8.30 A.M. and
Macao at 2 P.M.

MING ON & CO.
Hongkong, 16th December, 1903. [1514e]

THE AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE FOR NEW
YORK VIA THE SUEZ CANAL.
THE Company's Steamship

"HIMERA,"
Captain Lockhart, will be despatched as above
on or about MONDAY, the 28th instant.
For Freight, &c., apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [1454e]

"SHIRE" LINE.

FOR LONDON AND HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"FLINTSHIRE,"
Captain J. M. Haffner, will be despatched for
the above Ports, on or about MONDAY,
the 28th instant.

FOR LONDON, HAVRE AND
HAMBURG.

THE Company's Steamship

"DENBIGHSHIRE,"
Captain W. A. Evans, will be despatched for
the above Ports on or about FRIDAY, the 15th
January, 1904, to be followed by the Steamship
"RADNORSHIRE."

FOR SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE
AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE,"
will be despatched for the above Ports on or
about THURSDAY, the 24th instant, at
Daylight.

These Steamers have Superior Accommoda-
tion for Passengers.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1537e]

Intimations.

NOTICE.
THE Public are hereby informed that no
change has been made in the Rates of
Subscription to the Hongkong Telegraph and
they are warned against paying more than
TEN CENTS (10 cts.) per Single Copy.

THE MANAGER,
Hongkong Telegraph Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, 30th September, 1903.

THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY
TRADE THERAPION MARK

This successful and highly popular remedy, used in the
Continental Hospitals by Ricord, Bence, Jobert, Yveland
and others, combines all the desiderata to be sought in a
medicine of the kind, and surpasses everything hitherto
employed.

THERAPION No. 1
is a re-
sorbable, antiseptic, and powerful remedy, which is
absorbed into the system, and acts upon the
circulatory system, effectually purifying the blood,
and thus removing the cause of all diseases of the
blood, and of the skin, and of the mucous
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